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SUBJECT: E&E PLANNING

1. EMBASSY IS SOMEWHAT STRAPPED IN E&E PLANNING BY CIRCUMSTANCE THAT BASIC DECISION AS TO WHETHER THERE WILL BE WAR IN CYPRUS RESTS IN ANKARA.
2. OUR PLAN IS TO KEEP AMERICANS IN PLACE WITH APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS RATHER THAN ATTEMPT TO MOVE THEM IF INVASION OCCURS. GIVEN EXTREME SPEED WITH WHICH TURKS COULD MOVE, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO HAVE CIVILIANS ON ROADS AND AT AIRPORT WHEN ATTACK UNDER WAY.
3. CONSEQUENTLY, DECISION MUST BE MADE EITHER TO PLAN TO RIDE OUT TURKISH INVASION OR TO START EVACUATION WHEN ODDS ON INVASION SEEM HIGH.
4. HOWEVER, UNLESS INVASION SEEMS HIGHLY LIKELY, WITH SUFFICIENT TIME AVAILABLE TO PERMIT MOVEMENT, WE ARE INCLINED TO HAVE AMERICANS STAY HERE. FROM OUR ADMITTEDLY AMATEUR VIEWPOINT, WE ASSUME TURKISH INVASION WOULD HAVE SWEEPED THROUGH AREAS OCCUPIED BY MOST AMERICANS WITHIN FOUR OR FIVE DAYS.

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5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ESTIMATE ADDRESSEES CAN GIVE US
AS TO TURKISH INTENTIONS.
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